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**Title:** METHOD AND CIRCUIT ARRANGEMENT FOR OPERATING A  
DISCHARGE LAMP

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the final Office Action dated April 2, 2009, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application and consider the following remarks.

This paper includes (each beginning on a separate sheet):

- **Amendments to the Claims**, reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2; and
- Applicant's **Remarks**, appearing on page 5 of this paper.